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Claims 4-6 and 10-11 are currently pending in this application, with claims 7 and 12 canceled and claim 6 amended herein. No new matter is added by these amendments. The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 4, 5, 10 and 11 are allowed.

In the office action, claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for lack of antecedent basis. Claim 6 has been amended herein to properly recite antecedent basis for the elements identified by the office action. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.


Claims 7 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly obvious over the combination of U.S. Patent No. 4,958,343 to Abramovici in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,696,817 to Yatsu. Claims 7 and 12 are canceled herein, thus this rejection is now moot.

In view of the Examiner's indication that claims 4, 5, 10, and 11 are allowed and prior indication that claim 6 contains allowable subject matter, it is submitted that claims 4-6 and 10-11 are allowable.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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